

**Flag Trail
Road Assessment Hearing
March 23, 2015**

Call to Order:

Chairman Brent Lawrence opened the Flag Trail Assessment Hearing at 7:18 pm.

Members Present:

Chairman Brent Lawrence, Vice Chairman Tom Kraft, Supervisor Al Novak, Supervisor Leroy Schommer, Supervisor Kostik.

Others Present:

Township Clerk Lisa Quinn, Township Treasurer Sarah LeVoir, Township Engineer Shane Nelson, Township Attorney Bob Ruppe.

Chair Lawrence opened the meeting by explaining the process to date, and the planned agenda of the meeting.

Township Attorney Ruppe explained the 429 process, thereby clarifying the purpose of the meeting. He stated that this was the final opportunity to submit a written objection to the assessment amount, and that this must be done prior to the closing of the meeting.

Township Engineer Nelson then provided an overview of the Flag Trail Road project process to date. The North section of the road will be reclaimed, repaired, and an extra 2" of bituminous will be added; the South portion will be patched and an overlay applied only. The assessment percentage has been set to a 40/60 split between the benefitting residents and the Township. The total project cost is estimated to be \$387,500.00, and for this project the direct benefitting resident portion has been estimated at \$10,460.00 per property, for indirect benefitting property owners estimated at \$2615.00 per property, and the commercial property estimated at \$31,380.00.

Treasurer LeVoir reminds residents that if they would like to prepay the entire amount, those payments in full must be made before November 15, and they are paid to Credit River Township. This includes any future prepayments of balances due (and again, in years following, they must be made prior to November 15 to avoid the next year's interest charges). Once the amount is certified to your taxes, tax payments are due to Scott County.

Chair Lawrence then opened up the meeting for public comment.

Resident Comments:

- 1) S. Lake, Prairie Hills Ln. -Resident asked if a certified appraisal was received on this project. Attorney Ruppe answered that an appraisal company was consulted and the appraiser provided a range of the benefit to the properties. No certification was sought on the part of the Township, due to the cost of such certification.
- 2) C. Sernett, Flag Trail- Resident protests the assessment and handed the clerk a written objection.
- 3) S. Lake, Hobby Hills – Resident asked how the commercial property proposed assessment was determined. Vice Chair Kraft answered that it was determined taking a variety of factors taking into account including road use and frontage. Resident stated he thought it should be more.
- 4) D. Hoagland, Flag Trail- Resident opposes assessment and wants to submit a written objection to the project. Resident asks why residents on Raven Point will not be assessed. Chairman Lawrence answered that assessments are not done on roads that have other egress; also Raven Point is in another township and Credit River Township legally does not have the right to assess outside of their Township.
- 5) P. Howe, Boone Ave- Resident states that he agrees with the road project and states that the assessment procedure is consistent with others done in the Township. Resident disagrees that dividing the assessment equally would save the directly benefitting residents much, as dividing it equally would be in excess of \$8,000 per property. Resident states that he has already been assessed a directly benefitting portion when his road was done previously.
- 6) J. Reisinger- Flag Trail. Resident says he doesn't care if the road goes back to gravel, and that that may slow down the traffic a bit, too.
- 7) T. O'Rourke- Prairie Hills Lane. Resident opposes the project with no further comments.

There were a total of 5 written objections to the Flag Trail project received at the meeting, and an additional one received in the mail previous to the Assessment Hearing.

There being no further residents indicating the wish to speak or file a written objection, a motion to adjourn was heard.

Supervisor Kostik made a motion to adjourn the Flag Trail Assessment Hearing. Supervisor Novak seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Flag Trail Assessment Hearing was closed at 8:00 PM.

Recorded By: (s/) Lisa Quinn
Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By: (s/) Brent Lawrence
Chairman Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township